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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON AUNG SAN SUU KYI'S LOCATION; VISITS TO HOMES OF OTHER NLD LEADERS

Classified By: CDA, a.i. Ron McMullen for reason 1.5 (d)

1. (S) NLD insiders tell us Aung San Suu Kyi has recently been held in the house of a military officer on the complex of a counter-terrorism unit in Hlegu Township, a few miles north of Rangoon's international airport. We do not know if she is there permanently or was moved temporarily (from the Clear Water Pond facility or elsewhere) to facilitate the ICRC visit. We hope to get a readout from the ICRC head of delegation August 4th on his recent meeting with ASSK. A visiting academic with good links to the SPDC has asked to see her, but so far has received no reply.

2. (C) On July 30 emboffs drove to the Rangoon homes of eight senior NLD leaders who are being held under house arrest. In most instances the homes were guarded by one policeman and a municipal ward representative (typically an unemployed young man paid "tea money" by MI to restrict access to the house). In some cases the police permitted us to deliver packets of "American News and Views" right to the houses, but more often they took the packets with a promise to deliver them once the contents were cleared by their superiors. We know that as of August 1 NLD Chairman U Aung Shwe has not received the packet we delivered.

3. (C) We understand that this rather lax house arrest system has enabled NLD activists to occasionally sneak into the homes of the party leadership to pass news and receive instructions. We will continue our rather high-profile regular visits, whether or not we are successful in getting printed material to the detainees, to remind the SPDC and the detained NLD leaders that we remain concerned about their plight.
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